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KING, ANDERSON, LAWYER FACE ARREST ON EXTORTION CHARGE

Assert Trio Exacted Cash From 5 Men

City Recorder, Police Chief and A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Face Extortion Complaint Sworn by City Trustees

PROBE STARTED BY HERALD LETTER

Trustees Sift Out Evidence in Case of Release of Compton Men as Five "Victims" Co-operate With Investigators

Shaking the Torrance police department to its very foundations, the investigation of Torrance police activities brought about at the request of The Torrance Herald last Monday resulted last night in the issuance of warrants for the arrest of Chief of Police B. M. Anderson, City Recorder James L. King, and Attorney A. P. Morewood. The warrants charge the two Torrance officials and the attorney with extortion in the case of the five Compton men who were arrested here on July 27 on charges of resisting an officer and who were released after trial "for lack of evidence."

The investigation started by the board of trustees immediately on receipt of The Herald's letter last Monday was carried on throughout the week by Trustee J. S. Torrance, chairman of the police committee, and City Attorney Perry G. Briney.

No Bribery Charge

As a result of the sweeping investigation, in which the five Compton men and other members of the Torrance police department co-operated to the fullest extent, the Torrance officials who directed the probe declare that they have evidence which shows that Attorney Morewood, acting as an alleged "go-between," is asserted to have extorted a considerable sum of money from the Compton men and turned it over to Anderson, who in turn is said to have "split" with his associates. The warrants do not state the sum alleged to have been exacted.

The investigation led last night to the relief of Motorcycle Officer Stanley Abbott. Abbott was the officer who arrested the Compton men and swore to the complaints which charged them with resisting an officer. He has co-operated fully with the investigators during the week.

Morewood was arrested last night in Hermosa Beach by Officer Phillips, who was accompanied by Trustee Torrance and Mr. Briney. The warrant on which he was arrested, as well as the warrants for King and Anderson, were issued by Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter of Lomita, on complaints sworn to by Trustee Torrance.

In swearing out the complaints Mr. Torrance acted under instructions from the board of trustees, who reached the decision that warrants should be issued, after Mr. Torrance and Mr. Briney had made a complete report of the case.

Morewood was brought to Lomita last night, where he appeared before Justice Hunter, who released him on his own recognizance. His hearing was set for next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Anderson and King are on their vacations at Grand Canyon, Ariz., but are expected back in Torrance this week. (Continued on Last Page)

Briney Decides Not to Ask Court Ruling in Vote Case; Will Run for Judge in Fall

Rather than seek a writ of mandamus compelling election officials to place his name on the November ballots as a candidate for judge of the Superior Court to fill the unexpired term of Leslie R. Hewitt, Perry G. Briney's friends and supporters have decided to circulate petitions with the same end in view. A deputy on election day ruled that election boards should not consider the candidacy of Mr. Briney as written in on thousands

of ballots throughout the county. In order to compel the officials to recount the votes and place his name on the ballots at the November election, Mr. Briney and his advisers would have to take the matter to court. They believe that they would win in court action, but realize that the time required to secure a court decision and conduct a recount of the votes might be so long that there would not be time to have the name printed on the ballots. As a result of this decision, petitions on behalf of Mr. Briney are being prepared and will be ready for signature within a few days. So the Torrance city attorney will be a candidate for the office next November. The strength which he showed in the "writing in" campaign in all parts of Los Angeles county was a surprise even to his most ardent supporters, and that he will be a strong contender for the office in November is without question.

NOTICE

In order to give our employees the benefit of a three-day holiday, the next issue of The Lomita News and The Torrance Herald will be published on Wednesday instead of on Tuesday. The offices in Torrance and Lomita will be closed all day Saturday and Monday. —Editor.

Observations

Results of the Primary Election—Your Friends, the Books, Will Stand By Always—E. L. Doheny in Mexico

W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE primary election established several important facts. The nomination of Swing in the neighboring district established beyond a doubt that the agricultural interests of Southern California favor the Swing-Johnson plan for the Boulder dam. The heavy vote polled by Criswell against Capt. Fredericks in this district ought to convince everyone that the people here favor the same thing. Fredericks, an able and well-known man, without the Boulder dam issue would have defeated Criswell by a tremendous majority.

The election of Keyes indicates that the people of the county desired a man of more experience in the important office than Sheldon. During the campaign nothing was said against the character of Mr. Sheldon, but much was said about his inexperience.

In the Fourth Supervisorial district R. F. McClellan was renominated over Walter L. Peck of Compton. To supporters of the Compton man here, however, it is gratifying to know that Peck carried Torrance and Lomita by the wide margin of four to one. Mr. McClellan has never been overly popular here as a supervisor. Now that the majority of people of the district have willed that he be renominated it behooves even those of us who fought for Peck to accept the situation with a smile and hope for the best. It is unlikely that Mr. McClellan would do what many fear—make this territory suffer because of the support given to Peck here.

The results of the primary in no way can be interpreted as a fore-runner of what may happen at the presidential election next November. Most of the issues were purely local. Many who voted for Criswell will vote for Coolidge. The vote polled by the Los Angeles councilman cannot be interpreted as having been born of anti-Coolidge sentiment. The issue was Boulder dam and nothing else.

WHAT a lasting friend is a good book. It never fails to do all that only a good friend can accomplish. It stands ready at all times to enlighten, thrill, console, soothe or amuse. It carries its owner away from the din of mundane strife and turmoil, emancipating him from himself, turning him from the byways of dangerous introspection.

In the life of every man or woman who reads at all there are books that have changed the courses of existence by improving the intellect, understanding and character of the reader. What more can a good friend do?

I once knew a rather worldly man who said that he never had such successful, happy days as when he read some part of the Bible in the morning before dressing. The practice sent him out into the world with his mind operating in wholesome channels, courageous, worthy of his better instincts.

Perhaps no book, outside of the Bible, has influenced more people to right living, right thinking, than Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables". In the philosophy of this French genius as set forth so magnificently throughout the tale of Jean Valjean are recapitulated all the teachings of the Nazarene. One can open "Les Miserables" at almost any page and find there gems of truth, wondrously wrought.

The paucity of true human friends in the life of every person is legend. Fortunate beyond all his brothers is he who can boast three real friends. He who possesses more has riches untold. But a wealth of friends awaits every person on the shelves of our libraries.

He who seeks them out finds comfort and the material out of which character is builded.

If people would read more, the world would be much better.

E. L. DOHENY made a few more millions Wednesday. One of the companies which he controls brought in an \$7,000,000 barrel gusher in Mexico. Only a little more than 2000 feet below the surface of the earth the great pool of petroleum lies. Years ago Doheny secured the oil rights to millions of Mexican acres. Since then revolution has succeeded revolution in our neighboring country to the south. Through all the turmoil the American oil magnate has managed to keep his oil concessions. All of which, custom one to wonder if the revolutions which have distressed our sister republic were encouraged by the man who "loaned" Secretary Fall \$100,000.

Miss Helen Neill Home From Europe

Miss Helen Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Neill of Post avenue, returned to Torrance Monday on a trip to Europe. Miss Neill visited France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, England, and Scotland. She was in Paris during the Olympic games and saw Miss Helen Willis win the tennis championship.

M. E. Picnic Will Be Held Monday

The Methodist Sunday school will hold its annual picnic at Exposition Park Monday, Sept. 1. All families in any way connected with the church are urged to attend.

Those that have cars are asked to drive and transport those without automobiles. Each family should take lunch. Bring the lunch to the church before 9 o'clock and we will see that it gets to the picnic table in time for lunch. There will be games and a general good time for old and young.

CATHOLIC CARD PARTY

The card party that was announced for September 1 at Catholic hall by the Altar Society will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 4, instead, at 8 o'clock. Don't miss this one. A good time is assured to all.

Use our Want Ads for results.

Carson Street Garage Wiped Out by Blaze

Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the Harry Young garage on West Carson street and damaged Bart's cafe, adjoining, early Wednesday morning. The damage to the garage and cafe was estimated at \$800, which customer owned the garage building. The Torrance fire department answered a telephone call to the fire at 5:30 a. m., but the blaze had gained such headway when they arrived that they were unable to extinguish it.

Boy Shoplifters Given Reprimand

Two Torrance boys between the ages of 12 and 14 were severely lectured by Torrance police Wednesday when they confessed to "shop-lifting" in a local store. The lads turned over to police various articles of wearing apparel which they "lifted" from the counters. The owner of the store requested the authorities to warn the lads and let them go. The boys promised faithfully never to steal again.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest J. Young and family, of Cota avenue, leave Saturday for a two weeks' motor trip to San Francisco and other northern points of interest.

DEEP SAND CHANGES SLIM?

Shell Company Cores Ketter No. 2 Ahead Below 4450 Feet

SHOWING NOT SO GOOD

Samples Brought Up Show Less Oil Than Those From Higher Levels

Prospects for a deep oil sand in the Torrance field were not as bright this week as they seemed to be a few days ago.

The Shell Oil Company's deepest well, Ketter No. 2, is still being drilled and cored ahead, but the showings of oil-bearing shale coming up from the levels between 4450 and 4475 feet are not as promising as were those encountered higher up.

By no means is the hope of a second sand abandoned, however, and the company will continue to prospect ahead.

BOWLING NOTES

The scores of recent match games at The American follow:

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Club	1	2	3	4	5	Total
First National Bank	127	135	123	123	123	531
Deininger	159	153	171	153	153	699
Mullin	159	120	123	123	123	658
Babecek	134	134	152	120	120	660
Schick	140	169	188	157	157	711
659	711	777	2277			
Maxman's Hardware	110	167	116	116	116	525
Gilbert	123	145	172	144	144	638
Hutton	146	170	127	143	143	629
Reeve	110	146	121	137	137	551
Hansen	125	125	84	334		668
614	753	620	1987			

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Club	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Redondo	179	156	180	515		
Tonnese	159	202	211	572		
Rohr	154	179	180	513		
Cota	213	176	210	599		
Blansett	180	180	198	558		
895	893	982	2770			

The American—

Club	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Kabelitz	173	193	193	559		
Harvey	170	190	200	560		
Stanger	153	169	151	473		
Sharon	159	227	189	575		
Clark	192	164	196	552		
847	943	929	2719			

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Club	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Corner Gang	164	156	113	433		
Mills	146	168	128	442		
Renner	146	157	151	454		
Warren	137	149	123	409		
Tansley	127	138	161	426		
717	768	676	2161			

K. L. Pinsplitters—

Club	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Proctor	192	118	115	425		
Winters	118	162	92	372		
Levy	132	123	123	378		
Austin	137	139	154	430		
Kingsley	127	122	143	392		
706	664	627	1997			

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Club	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Union Club	149	130	145	424		
Bale	143	117	155	415		
Steve	155	121	180	456		
Barnes	176	171	165	512		
Rich	167	177	171	515		
750	726	816	2292			

Hendrie Tire—

Club	1	2	3	4	5	Total
J. Dech	152	182	170	504		
Earl	119	180	129	428		
Elmer	194	120	133	447		
Bill	117	132	120	369		
H. Dech	182	177	159	518		
794	751	711	2256			

EDUCATIONAL CENTER

The Mothers' Educational Center will resume its activities next Friday, Sept. 5. The Center will be held from 10 a. m. until noon. Register the kiddies at "Hardware" Reeve's store on Sartori avenue.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Porter of Arlington avenue were Rev. and Mrs. Lingenfeuter of Harbor City.

HOW TORRANCE VOTED

FOR CONGRESS

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Fredericks	16	25	6	29	59	135
Criswell	64	50	27	119	87	347

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Keyes	78	93	48	139	95	453
Sheldon	11	14	8	18	25	76

FOR SUPERVISOR

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Peck	69	67	36	111	95	378
McClellan	12	24	11	29	11	87

FOR JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT (Long Term)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Archbald	60	56	45	107	82	350
Baird	9	17	4	25	19	74

FOR JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT (Short Term)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Archbald	68	75	45	117	80	374
Hanby	22	28	11	40	33	134

FOR ASSEMBLY

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Booker	8	3	2	11	5	32
Carter	14	19	15	24	16	78

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT (Unexpired Term of Leslie R. Hewitt)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Brow	14	16	4	19	19	72
Holler	8	14	11	23	67	123
Pendleton	50	62	28	91	9	240

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT (Unexpired Term of Leslie R. Hewitt)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Booker	8	3	2	11	5	32
Carter	14	19	15	24	16	78
Coffin	44	20	20	78	51	223
Horne	8	15	4	15	9	51
66	84	39	115	80	23	327

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT (Unexpired Term of Leslie R. Hewitt)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	Total
P. G. Briney	66	58	38	103	91	356

Special Musical Services Sunday At the M. E. Church

A special musical program will be given Sunday night at the evening services of the Methodist church here.

Miss Elsie Teal, well known concert player, will play several selections.

Emerson Stewart will sing, and there will be speciality by the choir. The program follows:

Hymn, "All Hail the Power" (Miles Lane). Prayer, Anthem, "How Long Will Thou Forget Me?" (Pfueger). Offertory, Solo, Emerson Stewart. Piano selections by Miss Elsie Teal.

"Song Without Words," Op. 53, No. 7; Chopin—Etude in C, Op. 25, No. 7; Verdi—Liszt—"Rigoletto Paraphrase"; Anthem, "Who Are These Arranged in White" (Tanner). Ten-minute sermon on "The Armageddon of the Soul." Hymn, "Oh, Could I Speak the Matchless Worth" (Mason).

Moose Initiate Class on Monday

A large class was initiated in the Moose on Monday night by the San Pedro degree team. Those initiated were George L. Probert, Ray Tomkins, George Sutton, Floyd O. Parker, Charles Inman, P. W. Huddleston, A. J. Haynes, Laurence O. Crowell, Wilford G. Cowburn, Lionel A. Post, Samson Carls, Henry Stebbins, George Summers, Jack B. Palmer, C. L. Landreth, W. E. Lehman, Mark Hopkins, Peter S. Gattas, John W. Fleisher, M. E. Coker, Austin W. Clark, Charles H. Clark, William Campbell, Daniel Briney, J. E. Anderson Jr.

After the initiation the Torrance Synchronators gave a fine entertainment. Next Sunday the Moose from Los Angeles county will gather for a big Legion frolic and picnic at Brookside Park, in Pasadena. Torrance lodge of Moose baseball team will play Long Beach lodge at this time.

All Moose and their families are invited.

SEE THIS MENU

The Ferncroft cafe, Art Meinzer proprietor, announces on another page in this issue the starting, beginning next Sunday, of a special dinner which will be served at 75 cents a plate. Mr. Meinzer is serving the same menu at this price that you get in Los Angeles for \$1 per week. He will announce each week in our advertising columns the change in the menu.

Briney Polls Big Vote in 'Write In' Contest for Judge

Voters Here Show Decided Preference for 12 Candidates for Superior Court Offices, Both Long and Short Terms

PECK BEATS McCLELLAN HERE FOUR TO ONE

Asa Keyes Also Polls Vast Majority in All Local Precincts Over Sheldon for Office of District Attorney

Voters in Torrance Tuesday rolled up big majorities for Criswell for Congress, Keyes for district attorney, Peck for supervisor, and cast 356 votes for Perry G. Briney for Superior judge for the unexpired term of Leslie R. Hewitt.

The votes for Briney were written on the ballots. Criswell, Keyes and Peck carried every precinct in the city by wide margins.

Favor Twelve

A decided preference for twelve candidates for the nomination for the long term as judges of the Superior Court was registered by the electors here. Those receiving favor at the hands of Torrance voters were Archbald, Barrett, Burke, Collier, Fleming, Guerin, Keetch, Kendrick, Long, McCartney, Thompson, and York.

Criswell carried the city more than three to one over Capt. Fredericks, rolling up a majority of 240. The vote stood 345 for Criswell and 106 for Fredericks.

Peck led McClellan in the race for the supervisorial nomination by a vote of 378 to 90, more than four to one.

Keyes' strength in Torrance was the greatest of any candidate. The district attorney, who had the endorsement of the Ku Klux Klan, polled 435 votes in Torrance, against 76 for Sheldon.

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